

Resolution No.: 15-1099
Introduced: May 3, 2005
Adopted: July 26, 2005

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: The Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Create a Long Branch Advisory Committee of East Silver Spring

Background

1. In its approval of the year 2000 East Silver Spring Master Plan, the County Council supported the appointment of a task force to address quality of life concerns and residential and commercial revitalization in the Long Branch area of East Silver Spring.
2. The Long Branch Task Force was established by the County Council in May 2002 with a term of three years.
3. During the three year term of the Long Branch Task Force, the members determined a joint vision, gathered data, developed preliminary recommendations. These recommendations were reported to the County Executive and County Council. In the Second Annual Report the Long Branch Task Force notes that "We consider this community a work in progress. We have quite a few successes so far, but we have much more to do."
4. The County Executive and the Council of Montgomery County, Maryland recognize that there is a need to continue the work of the Long Branch Task Force; move from strategy development to implementation and continue the high level of community participation in the Long Branch initiative.
5. The Long Branch Task Force recommended that a volunteer council of Long Branch business and civic community leaders be established by the County Executive and County Council to advise on the implementation of the Long Branch Task Force Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

1. The County Council and County Executive of Montgomery County establish a Long Branch Advisory Committee.


2. The County Executive should appoint members to the Long Branch Advisory Committee and they should be confirmed by the County Council.
3. The Long Branch Advisory Committee should be composed of fifteen (15) official members representing homeowners; educational, faith-based and or civic association members; commercial property or business owners; renters; and non-profits serving the community.
4. The objective of the Long Branch Advisory Committee is to:
 - a) Provide continued local community input on the direction and implementation of the Long Branch neighborhood revitalization strategies, such as the Village Center Linkages Project, office development, pedestrian/personal safety and streetlighting improvements; and,
 - b) Advise the County Executive and County Council on priorities for Long Branch on an annual basis.
5. Staff representatives of the Montgomery County Planning Board; Park and County Police; States' Attorney's Office; Department of Health and Human Services; Montgomery County Public Schools; Department of Economic Development; Department of Recreation; the City of Takoma Park; County Department of Public Works and Transportation should be designated and available to attend Long Branch Advisory Committee meetings. The Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the Silver Spring Regional Services Center should provide support to the Task Force.
6. The Long Branch Advisory Committee should provide periodic reports to the County Executive and County Council including a written report within one (1) year of the first meeting.

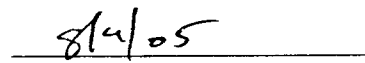
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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

I approve this Resolution.


Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive


Date